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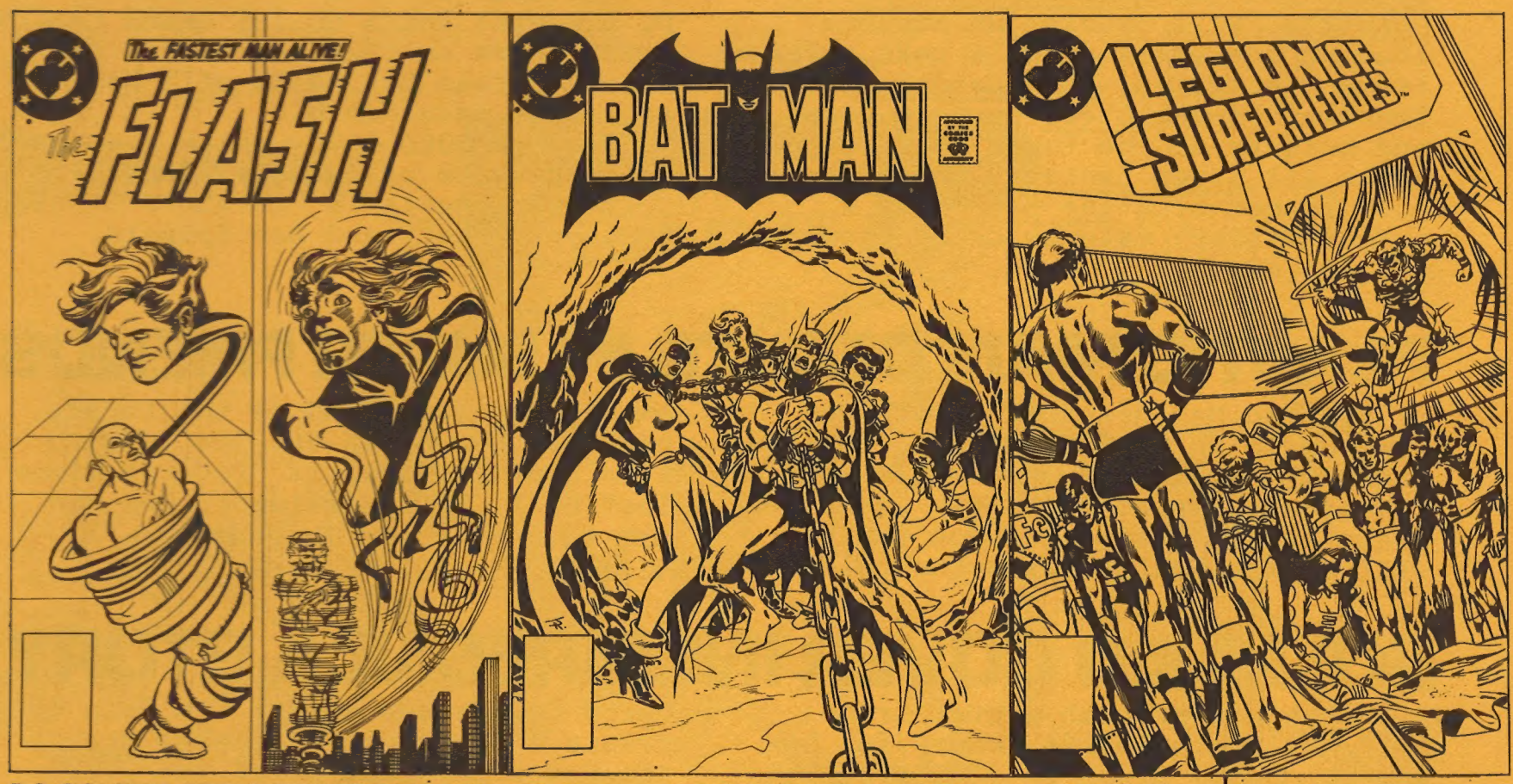
INFANTINO RETURNS TO FLASH, STARLIN & WIACEK ON FIRESTORM!

One of the most celebrated artists in comics returns to the feature that ushered in comics' Silver Age as Carmine Infantino once again begins pencilling the adventures of The Flash. This landmark issue, THE FLASH #296, goes on sale the week of January 8th and is the first of a new era of Infantino-Flash stories. Written by regular Flash-scripter Cary Bates, "The Man Who Was Cursed to the Bone" features a new team-up of The Flash and the Elongated Man. Bob Smith, whose work has appeared in numerous DC magazines, including inking over Mike Grell's pencils in WARLORD, has been chosen as the regular inker for this new Infantino series.

Jim Starlin pencils and Bob Wiacek inks the back-up story in the book, Firestorm, as the Nuclear Man battles a new foe, the Human Typhoon, in a story by Gerry Conway. This issue is the concluding chapter in the Firestorm trilogy illustrated by Starlin and Wiacek.



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DIAL "H" SERIES CONTINUES: SPECIAL PROMOTION FOR DEALERS!

DC's new Dial "H" For Hero series continues in ADVENTURE COMICS #480 with new stories featuring heroes and villains created by DC readers, translated into comic books by Marv Wolfman and Carmine Infantino. Each reader whose idea is used will receive a Dial "H" tee-shirt as a special prize.

DC is now making an offer to comic book dealers who provide the special Dial "H" entry forms for their customers. Any reader who uses a form from one of these dealers, and whose idea is used in Dial "H", will receive a tee-shirt, of course. In addition, the store supplying the form will receive mention in the book. Dealers who are interested in taking part in this program should contact Jack C. Harris, DC Comics Inc., 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10019 for details.

ROY THOMAS SCRIPTS GREEN LANTERN!

Roy Thomas will have the first of his DC work appear in GREEN LANTERN #139 as GL faces Eclipso in a final showdown. The story was plotted by Marv Wolfman and drawn by Joe Staton. Thomas, who will be writing a variety of features for DC, will be scripting a number of tales plotted by other writers during the next few months as he also prepares a number of new series slated to appear later in 1981.

Also in this issue, on sale the week of January 22nd, Adam Strange meets "The Mer-Queen of Rann" by Laurie Sutton and Rodin Rodriguez.

BRAVE & BOLD PREVIEWS UPCOMING GREEN LANTERN MINISERIES!

BRAVE & BOLD #173, starring The Batman and the Guardians of the Universe, will provide an advance look at the stars of DC's next three-issue miniseries. The Guardians, founders of the Green Lantern Corps and holders of the Power Battery that gives all Green Lanterns their powers, join forces with The Batman in a cosmic mystery case by Gerry Conway and Jim Aparo.

The Guardians and their Corps will be the lead characters next month as DC presents TALES OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS. More on that series and the creative team behind it will be available next month.

BRAVE & BOLD #173, which goes on sale the week of January 22nd, also features Nemesis in "Knight's Gambit" by Cary Burkett and Dan Spiegle.

PLASTIC MAN DEBUTS IN SUPER FRIENDS!

Plastic Man joins DC's back-up line-up in SUPER FRIENDS #43, on sale the week of January 22nd. This popular feature, scripted by Martin Pasko and drawn by Joe Staton and Bob Smith, will be alternating with the tales of the Wonder Twins and of the international heroes in SF. The lead in this month's issue is "Futurio Times Ten" by E. Nelson Bridwell and the art team of Romeo Tanghal and Vince Colletta.

BOLLAND COVER INSPIRES JLA STORY!

Prominent British artist Brian Bolland, Eagle Awards winner for his work on Judge Dredd in 2000 A.D., the British comic weekly, has provided a pair of covers for JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA which have inspired writer Gerry Conway and editor Len Wein to create a new story featuring Starro the Conqueror, the first foe ever battled by the JLA. The first part of this saga,"Return of the Starfish Conqueror", appears in JLA #189, on

sale the week of January 8th. The interior art is provided by Rich Buckler and Frank McLaughlin.

In addition, Bolland has provided the interior art for a story entitled "Falling Down to Heaven" in MYSTERY IN SPACE #118, on sale the week of January 22nd. Also in that issue are "A Little Knowledge" by Bruce Jones and Tom Sutton; "Jasper Pepperdyne, Defender of Time and Space" by Mike W. Barr and Jose Luis Garcia Lopez; and "Escape-Proof" by Joey Cavalieri, Trevor VonEeden and Carl Potts.

UNKNOWN SOLDIER CELEBRATES 250TH ISSUE!

The 250th issue of THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER celebrates this landmark with a 25-page story teaming the Faceless Warrior with the entire cast of DC's war books. Bob Haney, Dick Ayers and Gerry Talaoc are the creative team on "The Traitor Without a Face" which guest-stars Sgt. Rock and Easy Company, the crew of the Haunted Tank, the Losers, Mademoiselle Marie, and Gravedigger.

This special issue, UNKNOWN SOLDIER #250, goes on sale the week of January 22nd.

INSIDE ITEMS

The origin of Captain Marvel Jr. is told in this month's Shazam story in WORLD'S FINEST #268. The tale is written by E. Nelson Bridwell, drawn by Don Newton. And also in this Dollar Comic: Superman and The Batman battle Zodiac in "Twelve Coins of Power" by Cary Burkett and Rich Buckler; Green Arrow faces "The Blade of Death" by Bud Simons and Trevor VonEeden; Red Tornado answers the question "Whose Body Is It Anyway?" courtesy of J.M. DeMatteis, Gerry Conway and Jose Delbo; and Hawkman must choose between "Your City or Your Life" in a story by Bob Rozakis, Alex Saviuk and Rodin Rodriguez.

"The Exaggerated Death of Ultra Boy" by Conway and Steve Ditko is the 25-page blockbuster in this month's LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #274, while the Teen Titans face a final showdown with Trigon in THE NEW TEEN TITANS #6, courtesy of Marv Wolfman and the art team of George Perez and Romeo Tanghal.

Wonder Woman and Kobra end with a spectacular battle in "The Serpent and the Amazon" by Conway and Delbo. Plus in WONDER WOMAN #278, the Huntress faces Lionmane in "The Lion Roars at Midnight" by Paul Levitz, Joe Staton and Steve Mitchell.

In DC COMICS PRESENTS #32, Wonder Woman finds herself one of "The Super-Prisoners of Love" as Eros fires his arrows at the Amazing Amazon and the

Man of Steel, a story by Conway and Kurt Schaffenberger. (This issue also features "Whatever Happened to Mark Merlin and Prince Ra-Man?" by Mike Tiefenbacher and Alex Saviuk.)

Superman battles Father Nature, the missing husband of Mother Nature, in a Cary Bates/ Curt Swan/ Frank Chiaramonte story in SUPERMAN #358. And in ACTION COMICS #518, Gerry Conway sends the Man of Steel on a "Treasure Hunt on a Small Planet" with art by the same team. (The back-up story in SUPERMAN, which goes on sale the week of January 8th, is "A Day in the Life of Bruce (Superman) Wayne" by Rozakis and Denys Cowan; while Aquaman swims "Beyond the Poseidon Adventure" in ACTION, on sale the week of January 22nd, courtesy of J.M. DeMatteis and Don Heck.)

The most bizarre and exciting Batman adventure of the decade continues this month in BATMAN #334 as Marv Wolfman, Irv Novick and Frank McLaughlin present "Infinity Island!" Plus: A pair of off-beat back-up stories -- Jason Bard in a Tale of Gotham City, "From the Ashes" by Mike W. Barr and Dan Spiegle; and Commissioner Gordon in "Whodunit?" by Rozakis, Staton and McLaughlin.

In DETECTIVE COMICS #501 (now back to regular 50¢ size), The Batman and Alfred set out to solve a wartime murder mystery 35 years later in "The Man Who Killed Mlle. Marie" by Conway, Don Newton and Dan Adkins. Plus: Batgirl faces "The Five-Fold Revenge of Doctor Voodoo" by Cary Burkett, Jose Delbo and Joe Giella.

How does Superboy get his powers? On woman believes she has the answer and sets out to find "The Super-Secret of Smallville", a Cary Bates/ Kurt Schaffenberger/ Dave Hunt story in NEW ADVENTURES OF SUPERBOY #16. Also, witness "The Superboy-Training of Clark Kent" by Rozakis and John Calnan in this issue which goes on sale the week of January 22nd.

HOUSE OF MYSTERY #291 presents a new installment in the I,Vampire series by J.M. DeMatteis and Tom Sutton with "Night of the Living Un-dead". SECRETS OF HAUNTED HOUSE #35 sends Mister E into "The Lair of Lady Frankenstein" by Rozakis and Spiegle. GHOSTS #99 presents the final con-frontation of Dr. Thirteen and The Spectre by Paul Kupperberg and Mike Adams. And UNEXPECTED #209 pits Johnny Peril against zombies in "Town Without Pity" by Mike W. Barr and Jack Sparling.

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